

4. For p integer 1 is elected; and

5. For R group optionally substituted alkyl is elected, ultimate species for alkyl being methyl.

✓ The Office Action stated that Group V which encompass claims 11-22, 28-37 and 39 are drawn to a process for making block polymers with $q = 1$. However, the independent claim 11 also recites q being an integer greater than one. Thus, it is the applicants' understanding that if the applicants were to elect Group V claims, the Examiner's prior art search would obviously be restricted to the art that only includes the references directed to processes for making block polymers with $q = 1$. Therefore, if Group V claims with $q = 1$ were found to be allowable, the issue of patentability with respect to Group V claims having q greater than one would still remain unresolved. Thus, the applicants concur ✓ with the Office Action that Group V claims with q being an integer greater than one are patentably distinct from Group V claims with $q = 1$.

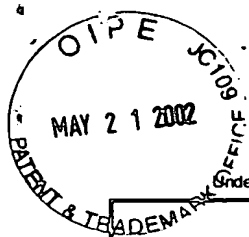
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CH The Office Action on page 3, lines 4-5 stated that in order for more than one species to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid. The applicants reviewed PCT Rule 13.1 and MPEP 809.02 (a) cited in the Office Action. However, it is unclear to the applicants what examination fees are being referred to in the Office Action. A clarification is respectfully requested.

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